

**Minutes of Community Information Forum Meeting
Breakers Pub Loft
Thursday, October 15th, 2014
5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

Members present

Brian Musgrave
Mike Slubowski
Don Scott
Luanne Roth
Dan Harris
Harry Young
Ken Shaw
Bill Mounce
Richard Mellis

PRPA staff Present

Ken Veldman
Maynard Angus

Regrets

Bob Blain
Michal Sluka
Sheila Gordon-Payne
Peter Freeman
James McNish
Ken Lippett
Nancy Wilson

1. Call to Order

Ken Veldman called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm; everyone was welcomed including the new members in attendance. Mr. Veldman informed the group that PRPA continues to seek new members in the community who might be interested in joining the Community Information Forum, with a goal of an additional four members.

Committee Members in attendance provided a brief personal background introduction including the new members (Dan Harris, Harry Young and Richard Mellis).

Veldman reviewed the meeting format for the purpose of the new members, as well as the Mission, Roles and Responsibilities as outlined in the Charter. Items of note:

- Each CIF meeting attempts to provide a focus on one primary topic of discussion.
- Each CIF meeting attempts to provide a roundtable to address timely and topical questions, concerns, rumours or other issues that any member would like to see addressed.

- Recommendations of the CIF are directed to the PRPA President and CEO for consideration and response.
- Agenda topics are determined by the interest of CIF members.

2. Last Meeting

a) Minutes

The June 25th, 2014 minutes were circulated and accepted.

b) Business arising from the minutes

i. Sediment Management

Veldman reported that PRPA is considering an investment in a computer modelling program that would serve to inform a broader strategy. It was also reported that Canpotex had received conditional approval from Environment Canada for sediment dredging and disposal related to its terminal berth site. Notably, one of the conditions is the omission of approval of the disposal of the top layer due to concerns related to dioxyns and furyns present in that layer, pending a future mitigation plan.

ii. Waterfront Access

Current status of discussions with CN regarding waterfront land in the Kwinitsa station area. No decision has been made by CN as of yet. PRPA involvement with the Prince Rupert Rotary Club's proposal to rehabilitate the Rushbrook Trail, the Prince Rupert Backcountry Society's planning efforts on Kaien Island trails, and PRPA plans for Cow Bay were also discussed.

iii. Community Information Forum reporting

Options were discussed to increase public awareness of CIF discussion and information.

MOTION: It is recommended that PRPA publish CIF meeting minutes on PRPA's website, and ensure that efforts are made to develop awareness of CIF-related information and recommendations in the local community. APPROVED.

iv. Westview Terminal

Veldman reported that PRPA is planning to provide noise and air quality reporting when it launches its new website in the upcoming weeks. He also provided an update on Pinnacle's implementation of its Adaptive Management Plan, and shared PRPA's perception that this has improved a number of nuisance issues in the neighbourhood, most notably noise and dustfall.

Feedback was provided that corroborated an improvement in these areas. However, it was also noted that odour continues to be an issue for the neighbourhood. With shorter days, it was also reported that lights shining directly into homes from the terminal and vessel were becoming an issue.

ACTION: PRPA will ensure these concerns are passed on to the terminal operator.

3. Roundtable

- a) **PNW LNG** – Announced a significant project design change to their jetty and vessel berth that drastically reduces the amount of dredging required. This change is in response to concerns related to the volume and location of dredging associated with the previous design.
- b) **Canpotex** – Entered into a lease with the PRPA. Their final investment decision has not been made yet, nor has a construction start date been targetted. The execution of the lease means the parcel of land is no longer subject to PILT, but is subject to direct property taxation by the City of Prince Rupert.
- c) **RTI and Coal Market** – The coal market is experiencing a significant downturn in the price cycle. In response, Teck, Walter and Anglo American have ceased mining operations in the BC Peace Region due to market conditions. As a result, RTI's tonnage is expected to be significantly reduced from the 12 million tonnes it shipped in 2013. Most analysts are not predicting a quick rebound, but rather a recovery that may take two years or more.
- d) **Road, Rail, Utility Corridor**—RRUC is nearing construction completion, with most work expected to be completed in November. It was noted that the role of the RRUC is to provide a common infrastructure corridor that would service all future development sites on Ridley Island. It was also noted that initial site inquiries from potential proponents, and preliminary site analyses are treated with confidentiality for commercial purposes. Once a project takes shape and a project development agreement is undertaken, projects are then introduced to the public.
- e) **Payment In Lieu of Taxes Issue (PILT)** – PRPA has recently reached an agreement with the City of Prince Rupert regarding the assessment of vacant port lands for the purposes of calculating Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT). In addition to an updated PILT amount dating back to 2007, PRPA also agreed to compensate the City for expenses related to the original assessment appeal and subsequent dispute.
- f) **Marina Project** – The City of Prince Rupert is leading a proposal to develop a small craft marina in front of Atlin Terminal. PRPA has provided the City a lease to the water lot at no cost, and is assisting with financial and expertise related to project engineering and project management.

4. Next Meeting

- a) **Agenda items** – it was suggested that future presentations be provided on PRPA's Environmental Monitoring Program. It was also suggested that a future presentation be provided on the project cargo shipping service being provided on Ridley Island.

- b) Road, Rail, Utility Corridor (RRUC) Tour** – Veldman agreed to facilitate a tour of Ridley Island for the group to view the RRUC project before the next meeting.
- c) Next Meeting date:** Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

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